

# Quote

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may we QUOTE you on that?



[1] HENRY CABOT LODGE, U.S. Ambassador to UN, speaking at commencement exercises of Williams College: "The UN is influential, but it cannot make its will immediately effective against the Soviet Union—any more than it would be able to do so against the U.S. The UN cannot compel the Soviet Union to act justly. What we can do—and what we do constantly—is to use the UN forum to mobilize world opinion against Soviet injustice." . . . [2] GEO E TALMAGE, Jr., pres Bay Area World Trade Ass'n, San Francisco, advocating lifting of embargo on U.S. trade with Red China: "There's a widespread feeling that what we are doing nationally is not the right thing. Obviously, we are not hurting China when every other nation is trading with her." . . . [3] U.S. spokesman on apparent Conservative victory in Canadian election: "We've got to expect that things will be a bit

stickier between Ottawa and Washington." . . . [4] NICHOLAS KOROLEV, chmn Welfare Cos-sack Displaced Persons Ass'n, explaining to a Senate Internal Security subcommittee why refugees wish to ret'n to Iron Curtain countries: "There are just 3 reasons: The 1st is that they are crazy, the 2nd is that they are old and want to go home to die; the 3rd is that they are just homesick." . . . [5] Gen CURTIS E LE MAY, comdr-in-chief Strategic Air Command: "It is imperative there be no war, because not even time could erase scars of nuclear conflict." . . . [6] LOUIS GIRARD, brother of GI about to be tried in Japanese ct for "incident" involving death of Japanese woman: "I left a petition (signed by citizens of Ottawa, Ill., asking transfer of the case) at the White House, but I didn't get no answer."

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In 5 American cities — Omaha, Dayton, Chattanooga, Topeka and Terre Haute—there are well over 1,000 arrests a wk for serious violations of civic statutes.

The combined populations of these cities—ranging from infants in arms to senior citizens in their anecdote — total slightly less than the number of prime-of-life young men we have on forgn soils the world around.

When you consider that more than 800,000 of our armed forces are stationed outside the U S, in a peacetime period, the amazing consideration is that we haven't had far more headline "incidents" involving our troops.

Imposing the troops of one nation upon another, even as brothers at arms in time of peril, causes a strain upon hospitality. (You recall the British plaint that American troops were "over-paid, over-sexed and over here.") In periods of quasi-tranquility, the strain is far greater. Nor is the sit-

uation eased by the beneficence of our purpose.

The fact that, without American aid, Formosa would long since have lost her identity in the Chinese maelstrom, results in some measure of pressured resentment in the Oriental mind. ("I don't know why the man should feel so bitterly toward me," said Henry Clay on occasion, "I don't recall having ever done him a favor.")

It is not our purpose here to pass judgment on any specific "incident" involving our troops abroad. And Americans generally, lacking the complete file on a case, should be slow to jump to conclusions.

We merely direct your attention to the trying position in which our troops abroad, and the nationals of other countries, are placed. Both are to be commended for generally good behavior.

Let us, in conclusion, express the hope that Uncle Sam will, as quietly and as promptly as possible, expedite the process of getting our boys back to Omaha, Dayton, Chattanooga, Topeka and Terre Haute.

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"He who never quotes, is never quoted."

Charles Merton Swanson

#### AGE—1

Middle age is when you step on a scale and the balance is no longer in your favor.—*Toastmaster*.

#### AMERICA—2

The USA, working out its dream, blunders beneficently on. . . Its errors have been, and are, many. Its instincts have been, and are, magnificently right. . . Amidst all the dangers that beset us we can be thankful that it is to this dynamic, humorous, impatient, impulsive, generous people there has passed the leadership of the world.—Editorial, *London (Eng) Times*.

#### ART—3

The notion of making money by popular work, and then retiring to do good work on the proceeds, is the most familiar of all the devil's traps for the artist.—LOGAN PEARL ALL SMITH, *American Artist*.

#### AVIATION—4

An idea of the enormity of air travel in '57 becomes apparent with the confident announcement by a single airline that it will fly 2 million passengers to Miami before Jan 1, '58. This is the equivalent of flying the entire population of Los Angeles, Detroit or Philadelphia to Miami in a single yr—yet this is the prediction of only one airline operating into the Florida resort city.—*Planes*, hm, Aircraft Industries Ass'n of America.

#### BEHAVIOR—5

As long as boys fly kites, men will struggle to reach the moon.—JOHN M SCHRADE.

#### BELIEF—6

Giving lip service to a belief is not enough; you must be willing to use it as a principle of action in your life. What you are willing to live by is what you really believe.—NINA W WALTER, "What Do You Live By?" *You*, 6-'57.

#### CHURCH—Work—7

A man having watched an ordination service recently, said to a friend, "I think the laying on of hands is the most impressive scene I know." His friend repl'd, "It is impressive. But the laying on of hands that moves me most, I think, is when a man lays his hands on a job in the church which needs to be done."—HALFORD E LUCCOCK, "The Church Needs Amateurs," *Presbyterian Life*, 5-11-'57.

#### COMMUNISM—8

I have never met a communist who was not a bully, a coward, or a fool, or, most common, a secret failure to himself. — WALTER H THOMPSON, *Assignment: Churchill* (Farrar, Straus & Cudahy).

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# washington

By Les & Liz  
Carpenter



Rob't B Anderson, Pres Eisenhower's choice to succeed Sec'y of the Treasury Geo M Humphrey, should be a good man for the post. He knows the value of a dollar. From a hard-pressed Texas farm family, Robinson wore hand-me-downs and makeshift apparel, until he bought his 1st suit of clothes (cost: \$12) upon graduating (top man in his class) from Univ of Texas Law School.

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Washington Post & Times-Herald reported recently that Sen Wayne Morris (D-Ore) had called Sen Homer Capehart (R-Ind) a "rancid cup of lard." Morse protests he was misquoted. He said "tub."

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The Senate restaurant in the Capitol loses \$30,000 a yr—a loss financed by taxpayers. When the question of raising prices was brought up recently Sen Richard Neuberger (D-Ore) protested, pointing to the need for better management. His mother, Neuberger pointed out, operates a restaurant in Portland, Ore, and charges less for better food. Said Sen Paul Douglas (D-Ill): "I shall recommend to the Senate Rules Committee that Mrs Neuberger be hired to cater to the Senate restaurant!"

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## CONSERVATION—9

The children in our garden clubs are the future better citizens of our country — the ones who will realize the importance of conservation, who will maintain their homes and grounds, who will respect our public parks, forests and road-sides. Even as youngsters they will have higher morals, for outdoor life and juvenile delinquency seldom mix.—ANN ALBERT, "Jr Gardeners," *Recreation*, 5-'57.

## CRITICISM—10

Several yrs ago, while Harry Emerson Fosdick was under a vitriolic attack, another clergyman described him as a "termite gnawing at the temple gates." Without bitterness, Dr Fosdick repl'd simply: "Well, one consolation is that I am surrounded by a lot of bigger bugs." — JOHN W HAROLN, *School Exec.*

## EDUCATION—11

Those who say that we cannot afford the expense (of adult education) should remember that no nation is so poor, nor is any nation so rich, that it can justifiably neglect the education of its people.—AMBROSE CALIVER, "The Nat'l Concern for Adult Education," *School Life*, 5-'57.

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Learning is recognized as a lifelong process. Even if a genius could learn in school all there is to know about everything, he could be out of school only a short time before the accumulation of new knowledge would make him a back number.—PHILIP H FALK, "Changes in School Library Service to Meet Changes in School Programs," *American Library Ass'n Bulletin*, 4-'57.

It was 80 yrs ago this week (1877) that the British Crown began the prosecution of Annie Besant, well known Freethinker, for publication of an "immoral" book. This volume, *Fruits of Philosophy*, by an American physician, was perhaps the 1st work to advocate limitation of families. Annie was found technically guilty, but sentence was quashed on writ of error. The book sold 185,000 copies in the 3 yrs following the trial.

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After he recovered from his heart attack in '52, Eddie Cantor one day overheard a woman say to her companion, "That's Eddie Cantor; I thought he was dead."

"Madam," said Eddie, "I not only am not dead; I have just begun to live."

That portion of Eddie's book, *Take My Life* (Doubleday), relating his activities since convalescence would tend to confirm the assertion.

Among many amusing incidents, Cantor tells of an occasion when he was in conference with Nelson Rockefeller on matters relating to the Nat'l Conf of Christians and Jews. Telephoning Ida, he explained that he was meeting with Nelson Rockefeller.

"Who?"

"Nelson Rockefeller. You know the Rockefellers."

"Now, Eddie," warned his cautious spouse, "don't you get in with any of their schemes!"

Rockefeller opened his speech that evening, quoting Ida.



Too many current fiction offerings might be classified as dame novels.—JACK HERBERT.

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Prentice-Hall is launching a new series of books on Christian denominations in the U S. The 1st volume, *The Episcopalian Way of Life*, by W Norman Pittenger, well known Episcopalian churchman and teacher, has just been published. Other books on Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian "ways of life" are in production.

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Some mathematically-minded individual has figured out that Chas Van Doren (you haven't forgotten him already?) would have to sell 380,000 copies of his book, *Lincoln's Commando*, in order to gross \$129,000—the sum, before taxes, that he won on a quiz show. He is reported to have spent a yr and a half writing the book, with his collaborator. He was on the tv show half-an-hr a wk for 14 wks.

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It is true that reading isn't a substitute for experience. But points out C B Larrabee, in *Printer's Ink*, neither is experience a substitute for reading!

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#### **FEAR—12**

A group of Univ students from Toronto went up to Georgian Bay for a fishing trip. They hired a boat and a captain to take them out into the bay. Without warning, a storm broke. The captain, an old tar, sat at the helm with a worried look on his face. The students laughed at him in his fear and thru their laughter declared: "We are not afraid!"

The old sea dog looked at them and said, "Yes, you are too ignorant to be afraid." — GEO M BOWMAN, Dist Mgr, Investors Syndicate of Canada, "Fear . . . Your Friend or Enemy?" *Salesman's Opportunity*, 6-'57.

#### **FUTILITY—13**

Herbert H Farmer, in *Servant of the Word*, refers to the illness of our time as "barbed wire sickness". He says the phrase was coined during the 1st war by French doctors in prison camps. No matter what activities were devised, nothing could banish the awareness of the barbed-wire enclosure, and the isolation from any task that had real meaning. The futility of our day is like that. — J WOODROW WOOLEY, *Preaching for a Verdict*.

#### **GOD—and Man—14**

Ralph Connor depicts the true riches of life by telling of a univ student he knew many yrs ago who had the honor of being voted by his class as the one "most likely to succeed."

He ret'd to the univ 25 yrs later for a class reunion. His fine appearance greatly impressed one of his classmates as they met on the

campus. "You look wonderful," he cried. "You must be doing extraordinarily well!"

"Yes, I'm very fit," said the first man.

"You've struck it rich?" asked his friend.

"Yes," he repl'd, "I've struck it rich, and make no mistake."

"Gold?"

"No, God!" — Rev A P BAILEY, *Indianapolis Star*.

### *Quote* scrap book

FINLEY PETER DUNNE (born July 10, 1867) created in Martin Dooley, the shrewd philosopher of Archey road, an appealing character that has endured to our day. To "Mr Dooley" must be credited many bright bits still widely quoted:

No matter whether th' constitution follows th' flag or not th' supreme coort follows th' illiction returns.

#### **HUMAN RELATIONS—15**

The famous horse trainer Rainey reported that he had known one angry word to raise the pulse beat of a horse as much as 10 beats a minute. How much more sensitive are human beings, and how much more deeply are they affected by your unconscious manner and attitude, and by your outward appearance and action. — EDMUND MOTTERSHEAD, "Leaves from a Speaker's Notebook," *Rotarian*, 6-'57.

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## HUMILITY—16

The true gentleman lives in the recollection that he is not "self-made," that all he is he owes; humility is not easy for those who "rise."—AUSTIN WARREN, *New England Saints* (Univ of Mich Press).

## LEISURE—17

Our grandfathers and grandmothers frequently passed Sundays and holidays on their front porches, or in their yds, conversing, contemplating, permitting the time to pass gently and gracefully. The average suburbanite today sits on his terrace or breezeway only when he flops there from exhaustion.—RICHARD GEHMAN, "The Lost Art of Loafing," *Cosmopolitan*, 6-'57.

## LIFE—Living—18

Every life is unsatisfactory until its owner has made up his mind what he means to do with it.—*Information.*

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Find the words that have meaning for *you* and live with them.—ELMER G LETERMANN, *Provisionen fallen nicht vom Himmel*, publ'd in Germany (QUOTE translation).

## MAN—19

All men are descended from apes. It just shows more on some of them.—GENE SPERRY.

## MARRIED LIFE—20

Failure to keep marriage vows is not limited to sexual infidelity. Both husbands and wives can be unfaithful in other ways: by nagging or belittling; by listening to gossip or criticism about a partner; by withholding the self—falling into confide, to listen, to share.—DON IAN SMITH, Pastor, Salmon River Larger Parish, Idaho, "Dearly Beloved . . ." *Farm Jnl*, 6-'57.

## MODERN AGE—21

Used to be you had to wait for bread to cool after it was taken from the oven before you could eat it; now you have to wait for it to thaw out before you can put it in the oven. — Sioux Center (Ia) News.

## MUSIC—22

There's nothing wrong with modern music that a boy whistler can't make worse.—CHARLES RUF-FING.

## PATIENCE—23

One of Susanna Wesley's techniques (in raising 11 children) was great patience in repeating to a child just what she expected of him. Her husband often commented on this. "I should think you'd be wearied sick," he said on one occasion, "telling that child the same thing over and over. Why, this must be the 20th time!"

"It may be," the mother of John Wesley repl'd, "but you see, if I did not tell him this 20th time, I might lose the fruits of all my labor." — Dr MARGARET BLAIR JOHN-STONE, "Something to Go On," *Family Circle*, 5-'57.

## PEACE—24

My hopes for internat'l peace go up every spring when I see families with gardens, dogs and children getting along well together on the same block.—BILL VAUGHAN, *VFW Mag.*

## PRAYER—25

I am convinced that nothing in Christianity is so rarely attained as a praying heart.—CHAS G FINNEY, *Alliance Wkly.*

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### Taxless Thoreau

*In this burdened world, one of the considerations that attract us to HENRY DAVID THOREAU, born 140 yrs ago (July 12, 1817) is the fact that for a time he paid no taxes.*

*Bachelor Thoreau had little enough to tax, since he made a cult of renunciation. But his evasion of the tax collector was a matter of principle. Implacably opposed to slavery and then-current Mexican War, the natural philosopher, something like Gandhi in a later century, "struck at the pocket-book of the State." (Gandhi, incidentally, used Thoreau's essay on Civil Disobedience as a text.)*

*Henry once spent a night in jail for his refusal to pay a poll tax, accepting incarceration, it must be said, in a most unphilosophical manner (according to jailer Sam Staples he was "mad as the devil"). Thoreau's Aunt Maria paid his tax and fine. On other occasions neighbors picked up the chit, rather than see the naturalist dungeonized or stripped of his meager plenishings. Of his position Thoreau wrote:*

*I do not wish to trace the course of my (tax) dollar till it buys a man, or a musket to shoot one with. . .*

*If others pay the tax which is demanded of me . . . it is because they have not considered wisely how far they let their private feelings interfere with the public good.*

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### PREACHERS—Preaching—26

A boyish-looking minister, serving his first mission in the Kentucky hills, noticed that one of his faithful flock had been absent from services several Sundays in a row, so he decided to go see her and ask her why.

She shook her head and looked at him pityingly. "Son," she said, "you ain't old enough to have sinned enough to have repented enough to be able to preach about it."—United Mine Workers Jnl.

### REASON—27

I prefer the potential error in reason to any other; for reason is eventually self-corrective; dogma is not.—Robt' Ulich, *Ethical Outlook*.

### RESEARCH—28

Researchers have found we often don't know what we want. And if we do, we probably fib about it. Ask a lady, "Do you read *Atlantic Monthly* or *Confidential*?" She's bound to answer, "*Atlantic Monthly*." So why does *Confidential* outsell *Atlantic* by tons and tons?

One big auto company asked motorists, "What kind of car do you want?" Answer came out phony, judged by sales records. Now they ask, in effect, "What kind of car does your uppity neighbor want?" Out comes the right answer for uppity you and uppity neighbor. —TONY WEITZEL, *Chicago Daily News*.

### SAFETY—Safe Driving—29

Quite often on the crowded road,  
It's frightening to see  
How close some reckless motorist  
Will drive ahead of me!  
—STEPHEN SCHLITZER.

PARADES BY STATE



July 7—95 yrs ago (1862) the 1st railroad post office was tested on the Hannibal & St Joseph (Mo) Railroad. (The car, invented by Wm A Davis, was blt at Hannibal) . . . 20th anniv (1937) of a skirmish between Japanese and Chinese troops at Marco Polo Bridge, near Peiping. This obscure incident developed into Sino-Japanese War, and led indirectly to War II.

July 8 — 1st impeachment proceedings against a U S Senator (Wm Blount, of Tenn) initiated 160 yrs ago (1797). Charges were subsequently dismissed. . . 135 yrs ago (1822) the romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley was drowned while on vacation in Italy, at age 30 . . . 95 yrs ago (1862) Theo R Timby, "America's neglected genius" rec'd pat's for his revolving battery tower for battleships. (John Ericsson used a model of Timby's turret in bldg the *Monitor*, world's 1st turret battleship. Ericsson has generally been given credit for revolutionary idea) . . . 85 yrs ago (1872) Johann Strauss (the Younger) conducted 1st of 4 concerts at Academy of Music, N Y C . . . 50 yrs ago (1907) curtain rose on 1st Ziegfeld Follies. Patterned discreetly on *Folies Bergere*, of Paris, it was staged on N Y Theatre roof. Listed under "Vaudeville Acts" rather than as a legitimate production, it attracted little notice.

July 9 — The 1st Presidential nominee who was a Catholic was Chas O'Conor, of N Y. He was nominated 85 yrs ago (1872) by a

wing of Democratic Party refusing to accept Horace Greeley. O'Conor declined nomination.

July 10—90th anniv (1867) b of Finley Peter Dunne, American humorist; creator of "Mr Dooley" (d 1936) . . . Oldsters may recall Russian-born Emma Goldman who, 40 yrs ago (1917), drew a 2-yr prison term and \$10,000 fine for propagandizing against the military draft. Later, deported to Russia, she was soon in trouble with Bolshevik regime.

July 11—190th anniv (1767) b of John Quincy Adams, 6th Pres of U S . . . 5 yrs ago today (1952) Dwight D Eisenhower won Republican nomination for President on 1st ballot, at party's Chicago convention.

July 12—140th anniv (1817) b of Henry David Thoreau, American author-naturalist (see GEM BOX).

July 13 — 170th anniv (1787) of passage by Congress of Northwest Territory Ordinance. This act set up the 1st organized gov't west of the original 13 states. The "Northwest Territory" embraced land north of the Ohio to the Mississippi. This move by Congress "bridged the gap between wilderness and statehood."

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### SERVICE—to Others—30

A gov't official in Hong Kong tells the Chinese fable about an old man who had to cross a hill every day. Each day he took a stone in each hand from the top of the hill to the bottom. Asked why, he said, "I'm moving this hill. Not in my lifetime or in my son's lifetime, but in time, this hill will be gone."—CLARENCE W HALL, "He Makes His Neighbor His Business," *Christian Herald*, 6-57.

The way of the economy-seeker is beset by a variety of tribulations and treacheries.

Even as Congress debates shaving a few billions off the budget, a recent development promises, in the long run, to cost us many times the anticipated savings.

You will recall the vast highway program for which we are currently paying increased taxes on gasoline, tires, etc. Well, it seems somebody slipped badly in estimating the cost. The program, originally figured to approximate \$27 billion may actually run as high as \$40 billion, due to steadily increasing prices of material and labor.

On top of this, the Senate Public Works subcommittee voted last wk (6 to 1) to add 7,000 mi's to the already-scheduled 40,000-mile Interstate highway system, at a proportionate increase in the total cost.

While it is true that this highway item has no direct relation to the fiscal budget (since it is theoretically self-liquidating thru specially assessed taxes) it is symptomatic of the trend of rising costs. And in the long run we motorists will foot the bill.

The net conclusion is that we'll probably get another hike in those "temporary" taxes on gasoline and tires. In any case, they are going to be with us for a long, long time!

### SEXES—31

Tongue in cheek, CBS commentator Eric Sevareid has countered a proposal by 3 acquaintances to repeal woman's suffrage. Mr Sevareid proposes, instead, that men give up the right to vote. After 10 yrs, as he sees it, women will have the ulcers and the hypertension and men will have regained their footing in this fast-moving world. Then, perhaps, they will be physically and emotionally prepared to relieve their frazzled spouses and take their turn with the headaches for the next decade.—*Execs' Digest*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

### TEACHERS—Teaching—32

When I was a young administrator, a wise superintendent said to me, "Look for teachers who are green at the top." He went on to explain that anything "green at the top" was alive. He believed that a vital factor in the success of a teacher was to be alive.—Editorial, *School Exec*.

### TELEVISION—33

"Early to bed and early to rise"—you'll miss some atrocious movies on tv late shows, but bump smack into some silly early morning programs.—BILLY ARTHUR.

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#### TIME—and Space—34

Several decades from now the important battles may be space battles. We should obtain space supremacy.—Maj Gen BERNARD A SCHRIEVER.

#### WOMEN—35

Just as a scientist, with only one bone, can classify the animal from which it came, so a woman, from another's hat, can catalog her exactly. — MARCELENE Cox, *Ladies' Home Jnl.*

#### WORK—36

Doctors doubt that hard work ever really killed anybody, but they have known cases where it seemed to scare them half to death.—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.

#### WORLD RELATIONS—37

It is a serious matter to discover the existence of 1,700,000,000 human beings. These are the people who live in Asia and Africa, and they are joined in anonymity by most of the 179,000,000 people of Latin America — the poor village people living in obscurity on short rations, out of sight of garish tourist traps. Collectively this majority of mankind is known as "natives." Discovering the "natives" of the world and coming to terms with them represents the most important task the U S—together with Canada, Europe, and outposts of Western civilization in Australia and New Zealand—faces in this last half of the 20th Century. — DONALD GRANT, "The New Frontier," *Progressive*, 4-57.

#### WORRY—38

Grandpa and Grandma were too busy scratching for a living to need books on how to stop worrying.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

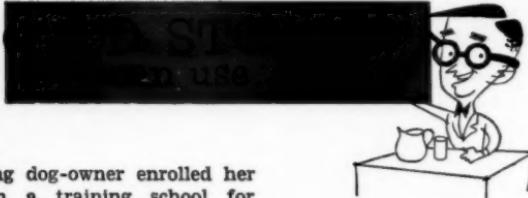


The office boy, once an American commercial institution, immortalized by Horatio Alger in many a rags-to-riches saga, is becoming an extinct species. The earnest, ambitious lads who once started climbing the Ladder of Success at its lowest rung, are now all in school. The hot-rod characters who have renounced the classrooms, aren't wanted in the counting-houses. Employment agencies are suggesting elderly, pensioned men to fill the gap.

"One more word remains to be said," wrote Supreme Ct Justice Felix Frankfurter, in a recent dissenting opinion. The opinion continued for 20 more pages! . . . Retail vendors in the Madison Sq Garden area rep't that cigaret and bar business is on the blink since the Billy Graham crusade opened.

*Nostalgic Notes:* If you grew up with the Twentieth Century, you will recall those "dusters" worn by early motorists. Now, the trend to convertibles and open sports cars is bringing about a revival—in a modern version. California dealer offers a dashing car coat free with each auto. . . And there's the famed *Listerine* ad, "Often a bridesmaid—never a bride." It will be repeated this June for the 33rd time.

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A doting dog-owner enrolled her poodle in a training school for dogs. When the dog came home to lunch after the 1st morning session, the fond owner asked, "And what did you learn to day, Cuthbert? Geography?"

The dog merely shook his head.  
"Arithmetic?"

Again the dog shook his head.

"Perhaps you studied a forgn language?"

The pooch arched his back, lashed his tail, and ans'd proudly, "Meow!" — *Wall St Jnl.* a

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A Texas oillionaire walked into a Cadillac showroom and inspected several on the floor with a dissatisfied air. A salesmen raced over to him, whipped out an order book, and asked, "What can I do for you today?"

"My wife has come down with a touch of the flu," the tycoon explained. "Have you anything suitable in the way of a get-well car?" — *Catholic Digest.* b

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Didja hear about the wonderful island they've just found in the South Pacific? There are no taxes, unemployment, crime, police, beggars, disease, divorces, wars, arguments—or inhabitants! — *Howie LASSETER.* c

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#### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

##### VIOLET TACKET

Ever since Lt Weber had won his wings, he been grounded by a succession of trifling, but annoying incidents. Little things like a common cold, unfavorable weather, or the like had kept him from his heart's desire, flying.

Finally, one day, the chair-bound lieutenant came to a sudden realization of the cause of his trouble.

He promptly telephoned his mother, half way across the country. "Mother," he pleaded, "will you please stop praying against me?"

"Against you!" cried the distraught parent. "Why, son, I have prayed for your safety every moment."

"I know," replied the young pilot grimly. "Your praying has been so effective, I haven't even been able to get off the ground!"

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The Abbe preached a fastday sermon before Louix XVI, which contained a great deal of politics and govt, but very little gospel.

"It is a pity," the king said to him, as he left the church, "that you did not touch on religion, then you would have told us something about everything." — *American Mercury.* d

## QUIPS

The mgr of a night spot in Florida, about to go to lunch with a friend, was approached by his new bartender for a raise. "Sure thing," he agreed. "How much are you making now?"

"\$150 a wk."

"Is that all?" said the owner. "Why didn't you come to me before? From now on your salary is doubled. And you get 10% of the bar profits. Oh, yes — and the cloakroom concession. Is that okay?"

"Is it!" gasped the dazed barman and rushed happily back to his post.

"Brother!" said the mgr's friend. "That's the biggest jump I've ever heard of. You certainly must think a lot of him."

"That rat?" snarled the mgr. "He's been pocketing most of the receipts ever since he came here. I just want to show him what a top job he's being fired from tonight." —E E KENYON, *American Wkly.* e

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An unedited conversation we overheard between two mbrs of the lisping youngest set indicates that they too need to be steered into simpler playtime activities. Or else they'll find their leisure as lost as a gas balloon when the string breaks.

Said one 6 yr-old girl to another: "Let's play house."

"Okay," ans'd her companion cheerfully, "I'll be the interior decorator." —HARRIET LA BARRE, *Cosmopolitan.*

### Weigh of the World

*Middle age is when many women consider mending their weights.*  
—GEO HART.

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*Destiny may shape our ends, but our middles are of our own chewing.* —ERNEST BLEVINS.

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*As a general rule, attempts at dieting have very little effect on the bulk of middle-aged people.* —HAL CHADWICK.

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*The woman who knows what's good for her is probably on a prescribed diet.* —CHARLES RUFFING.

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*A doctor is a man who keeps telling children to eat more and parents to eat less.* —DOROTHY R MARTIN.

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*One thing you can still get for a penny is your incorrect weight.* —ANNA HERBERT.

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*Physicians say that 15 million women are overweight. These are round figures.* —Enos Magazine.

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*Travel is broadening, I am aware.*

*Even more so are sweets and that old easy chair.* —EDW A LAWRENCE, *Farm Jnl.*

*Quote*

We used to believe that the world's greatest skeptic was the man who, seeing a giraffe for the 1st time, stared at it in silence for a full 5 mins, then said, "There's no such animal." But we've taken the Oscar away from him and awarded it to the fellow who battled for hrs to land an enormous trout.

When it was eventually landed, the awe-stricken onlookers babbled their amazement at a fish of such gigantic proportions, but the fisherman did not appear to share their excitement. He stared at the monster gloomily, then turned and asked for assistance.

"Give me hand to push it back in again," he begged. "It's a lie."—*Digest of World Reading*, Melbourne, Australia. g

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It was in a remote section of the country where the tobacco crop had been a failure on account of a prolonged drouth. One afternoon three tobacco growers met on the porch of a little corner general store, and as they sat on the porch glumly, they passed a jug of corn liquor around freely from one to the other.

"My wife is a wonderful woman to stick with me through this drouth," said one man sadly. "When I sell my tobacco, I'm going to buy her a piano."

"That's a good idea," said the second man. "I'm going to buy my wife a washing machine and some new clothes. How about you, Jim?"

"Better pass me that jug again," drawled Jim. "I ain't even out of debt yet!"—DAN BENNETT. h

*Quote*

Miss Murphy was teaching 2nd-grade the Twenty-Third Psalm. When she thought it had been mastered, she asked the class to repeat it in unison. She detected a discrepancy in the words, so she took each child and listened to him. Finally she found one little fellow who was concluding his version with this line: "And surely good Miss Murphy will follow me all the days of my life."—RAY M IMBER, *California Teachers' Ass'n Jnl.* i

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Two ghosts walked into a pub and asked the barman: "Do you serve spirits?"—*Tit-Bits*, London. j

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The little cabbage in the field was consulting its mother about life.

"Life," said the mother, "is a gamble; you've got to withstand storms, drought, wind and animals—not to mention bugs, lice, mold, rot. But, if you don't give up you'll thrive and grow."

"Life certainly is a gamble," agreed the little cabbage, "but there's one thing you haven't quite made clear: when do I quit growing?"

"As in any other gamble," said Mother Cabbage, "quit when you're ahead!" —WM C KESSLER. k

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Albert was taking part in a local concert. He was only 7 yrs old, but recited so well that he was encouraged.

"Well, Albert, and how did you get on?" asked the proud father when he returned home.

"Why, I thought I did all right," repl'd the youngster, "but they made me do it again."—*Capper's Weekly*. 1

**Richard Armour**



### Snare And A Delusion

*A new snare for shoplifters involves a wire hidden inside the price tag which, unless the circuit is properly broken, causes an alarm to sound.—News item.*

No kleptomaniac am I.  
I pay for everything I buy.  
And thus, a very decent chap,  
I laugh at such a booby trap.  
How I rejoice, in righteous way,  
To think that those who fail to  
pay,  
To save a penny or a tuppence,  
Will get their well-deserved come-uppance.

But then my cunning mind begins  
To work, my cerebellum spins,  
And I admit I'd find it nice  
If they improved on this device  
And had a price tag wired for  
sound  
To use when husbands aren't  
around  
And wives are buying what they've  
got to  
Yet honestly, of course, ought not  
to.

But then again, what if we  
knew . . .  
What good, I ask you, would it do?

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Said the proud mother, "My  
daughter has arranged a little  
piece for the piano."

"Good!" repl'd the honest neighbor. "It's time we had a little  
peace."—Arkansas Baptist. m

It is unreliable reported that a gentleman walking down Fifth Ave was joined recently by an unknown lady who, matching him stride for stride, peered fixedly at his head. After 3 or 4 moments she asked, "I beg your pardon, but are you wearing a toupee?"

"No, indeed," repl'd the gentleman truthfully. "I do not wear a toupee."

The persistent woman continued to dog his steps. She addressed him again: "Are you sure?"

"Yes, lady, I'm sure."

By this time our friend began to lengthen his stride, in the hope of escaping further questions, and the lady made her last desperate gambit: "Are you *really* sure?"

"All right," said the exasperated man, who figured that getting rid of the pest was worth any lie. "I am wearing a toupee."

"How strange!" exclaimed the lady. "No one could ever tell." —JOHN G FULLER, *Saturday Review*.

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While waiting for a Kremlin mtg to begin Dr Nicholas Nyaradi, former Hungarian Minister of Finance, extracted an American newspaper from his briefcase and began reading. A Russian attache waiting with him asked for part of it.

"Ha!" exclaimed the Russian after a few min's of silence, "Just what we always suspected would happen in capitalistic America!"

Dr Nyaradi glanced at the headline to which the Russian was pointing. It read: INDIANS MURDER SENATORS!—Scholastic Coach. o

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Dr NASROLLAH S FATEMI, former Iranian delegate to UN: "The U S overfeeds the cow and then forgets to milk it. The British seldom feed the cow, and milk it too often. The Russians simply eat the cow."

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Sir PIERSON DIXON, chief British delegate to UN: "We would do well to recognize that the continents of today are as the countries of yesterday, and outer planetary space may be likened to the oceans of the past."

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SECOND CLASS MATTER

*Edited by Alice Jacobs*

We've been utilitarian and informative for quite awhile now. Today we feel frivolous. Herewith we present some things that strike us as more or less entertaining sillies:

In Los Angeles, someone has developed an elevator bathtub. Step on the platform, press a button, and find yourself being gently lowered into the suds. When bathed, press another button and you're lifted out of the water. We don't think it soaps your back for you. . . U S Gov't patent has been granted for a doll that runs a fever. The poor little devil's skin becomes flushed and a thermometer

placed in its mouth will register more than 98.6 degrees. Treatment unspecified; we suggest giving it a Salk shot, just in case. . . All worn out with spreading butter on corn-on-the-cob? In Yonkers, N Y, a machine has been invented to take care of this chore. Put the butter in the hopper, put the hopper on the corn, press the handle. Corn is buttered, while your fingers stay in a state of pristine freshness. . . While we're talking about food, a Milwaukee confectionery has developed a chocolate filled with a liquid cheese around a whole cranberry. Bicarb, anyone?

